

THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE

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Study Guide

Objectives:

- To understand the American Revolution and how it began.
- To understand why Americans declared independence in spite of their divided loyalties.
- To understand how events led to a major defeat of the British at Saratoga.
- To understand how the Americans won the war.

Terms and Names to know:

- Stamp Act
- Samuel Adams
- Townshend Acts
- Boston Massacre
- Committee of correspondence
- Boston Tea Party
- King George III
- Intolerable Acts
- Martial Law
- Lexington and Concord
- Second Continental Congress
- Olive Branch Petition
- Common Sense
- Thomas Jefferson
- Declaration of Independence
- Patriot
- Loyalist
- Trenton
- Saratoga
- Valley Forge
- Inflation
- Profiteering
- Friedrich von Steuben
- Marquis de Lafayette
- Charles Cornwallis
- Yorktown
- Treaty of Paris
- Egalitarianism

Reviewing Main Ideas:

- ❖ What did colonists protest the actions of Parliament in the early years before the revolution?
- ❖ Why was the conflict at Lexington and Concord considered to be the “shots heard around the world”?
- ❖ Why did the colonists find themselves divided over the issue of independence?
- ❖ What ideas were important in influencing the revolution?
- ❖ Besides Yorktown, what battle or battles were significant in influencing the outcome of the war?
- ❖ What role did foreign governments and citizens play in the American victory?
- ❖ America faced many issues following the end of the war. What were the most important issues as you see them? Support your choices with logic and reasoning.